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NOTICE.

IT is proposed to hold a YORKSHIRE DINNER. A Meeting will be held on THURSDAY, JANUARY 28th, 1904, at 6 p.m. in the Ante-Room, City Hall, to discuss arrangements and decide upon a date. All Yorkshiremen are invited to attend. ARTHUR CHAPMAN, Hongkong, January 25, 1904. 165



NOTICE.

IT is HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and after WEDNESDAY, the 27th inst., that portion of Praya East extending from Bowring Canal to East Point will be CLOSED to wheeled traffic. The Section from No. 2 Police Station to Bowring Canal, which is at present Closed, will be REOPENED to wheeled traffic on the same day. W. CHATHAM, Director of Public Works, Public Works Department, Hongkong, January 25, 1904. 166

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11.30 a.m. Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.
2 p.m. Meeting of Kowloon Market.

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The publication of this issue commenced at 5.45 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY JANUARY 26, 1904.

Few questions have been more prolific of annoyance and trouble to foreign merchants in China than the vexatious restrictions placed by the Chinese Government in days gone by upon the transit of goods into the interior. All kinds of difficulties have been put in the way by the Customs authorities, until many merchants have given up troubling about the sending of goods inland. It was therefore with much relief and pleasure that the new Treaty between Britain and China was welcomed, in which most of these restrictions were removed, and it was hoped that ere long business would profit by the change. When, however, attempts were made to despatch goods by the Steam Launches to inland ports, excuses were made at first by the Customs that they had not opened any Custom House inland, and that there was no officer appointed for the purpose of looking after that branch of the work. In Amoy, for instance, it was found impossible to send any goods into the interior by Steam Launch, and for a long time no one cared to stir in the matter, probably remembering the worries of the past. There are a great many launches plying round Amoy, and it seemed a pity that they should only carry passengers when the New Treaty had opened the way for goods to be sent as well. Amoy merchants are much indebted to Mr P. M. Saenger, of Messrs Hauser and Co., on his return to Amoy from a visit to his native country in May, 1903, and who is very much interested in the launch traffic, for taking up the matter with his usual earnestness. He consulted with the present urban Commissioner of Customs in Amoy, Mr Van Aalst, who, after careful deliberation upon the matter, willingly gave his consent to allow goods to be sent into the country per steam launches. The British Consul, Mr P. F. Hauser, was also approached upon the matter, and he fully supported the movement, and was ever ready to give every assistance in his power, in order to help British merchants. There can be no doubt therefore that all those interested in pushing foreign trade will derive much benefit from the concession, whether it be the skippers and owners of the launches, or the merchants, or indeed, for the matter of that, those Chinese who live inland and who wish to get goods in a safe and speedy manner. Great credit is therefore due to the gentlemen above mentioned who pushed this matter forward to so successful an issue. After so many years of trouble and vexatious delays, due to the many hindrances put in the way of lawful trade, all honour should be afforded to those who, by persistent effort, have been the means of removing such obstacles from the path of legitimate business.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Masonic.

At the Freemason's Hall last night a meeting of the United Mark Lodge was held, at which Bro. W. H. Woolley was elected Wor. Master, Bro. J. Presley, Treasurer, and Bro. J. Vanstone Tyler for the present year.

Shanghai Municipal Elections.

The election of members for the Shanghai Municipal Council took place on Jan. 21, resulting in the following being elected.—Messrs A. M. Marshall, 409; J. Prentice, 349; D. Landis, 343; O. Meuser, 343; F. Anderson, 330; H. De Gray, 329; C. W. Wright, 324; A. W. Burkill, 307; E. S. Little, 286. Messrs S. A. Harcourt and W. A. C. Platt scored 261 and 241 respectively.

Arrival of Dr Anderson.

Dr H. Anderson, Inspector-General of Siam Government Hospitals, accompanied by Dr Luang Yikhan, Inspector of Government Hospitals, is at present in the colony, having arrived yesterday from Bangkok. Dr Anderson is on his way to Manila to study the Manly treatment of 'rinderpest'. The Siam Government, owing to the prevalence of the disease in Siam, are very desirous of obtaining a cure, or at least a treatment for its alleviation.

A 'Times' War Correspondent.

By Australian steamers several war correspondents have arrived in Hongkong of late, the most recent being Commander W. J. Colquhoun, D.S.O., of the Victorian Naval Force, who reached the Colony yesterday by the N.Y.K. steamer *Kanaga Maru*. Commander Colquhoun, who will be one of the correspondents on *The Times* staff, has seen active service in South Africa. He was twice mentioned in despatches for his services. In South Africa he assisted the Naval Brigade greatly in devising means of getting their 'cow guns' over awkward places. He was present at Paardeberg, and has five clasps to his African medal.

The Leaky 'Erie J. Ray'.

The American barque *Erie J. Ray*, 910 tons, from Rajong, Sarawak, with timber for Hongkong, has put into Manila in a very leaky condition, and will probably have to discharge her cargo. Manila advices state that repairs will cost more than the ship is worth and it is probable she will be condemned. Early this month the *Erie J. Ray* was spoken by the *Dir Arthur Barry* off the west coast of Luzon. She then signalled that she was short of provisions. The sea was rough and only a cask of beef could be got off board. The *Erie J. Ray* is an American built barque and was constructed in 1879. She is 161 feet 2 inches in length, 35 feet 1 inch in breadth, and 21 feet 7 inches in depth. Her owner is Mrs Pauline Kaster.

The Piratical Hermann.

A telegram from Cagayan de Misamis dated Jan. 22, to the Manila *Cablenews*, says that the demurrer in ex-lieutenant Hermann's case has been overruled and a new complaint filed embracing the charge of piracy. To this new court the defendant immediately demurred. The complaint is said to be very badly drawn, and Hermann's behavior and attitude is full of badgering. He regards himself as a hero, and is proud of his long list of crimes. He has announced the belief that he will be acquitted, as the evidence is not strong enough for any court to convict him, he says. Hermann has pleaded guilty to the charge of desertion, and as a result of the first trial, Lieutenant Forthell, of the constabulary, has been charged with perjury and is to be arrested to-morrow.

The Kwangsi Rebellion.

A Canton dispatch reports a general recrudescence of restlessness amongst malcontents in both Kwangtung and Kwangsi provinces due to the arrival lately of considerable quantities of arms and ammunition as well as money contributed by Chinese abroad. Several new leaders are also reported to have joined the rebel bands and infused new life into the rebellion. Vice-roy Tsen Chin hsien, who is at present still in Canton, is expected to soon leave for Kwangsi to crush the rebellion, and a force of 15,000 well-armed troops will accompany him. Further dispatches report the presence of considerable bodies of rebels in the region bordering the Hunan frontiers in consequence of which the officials of that province are greatly alarmed and are hastily raising new levies to prevent the Kwangsi rebels from entering Hunan territory. Two women chiefs, said to be wives of rebel leaders killed by Government troops, have recently also raised the flag of rebellion against the detested Tartar rule, with the avowed object of obtaining revenge for the death of their husbands. Each woman leads some 400 to 500 men, one calling herself Queen Wu—Wu being her family surname—being also assisted by two daughters, the elder being twenty-two years old and the younger eighteen. They are both dressed in male attire and ride their horses also like men, astride. The mother, or Queen Wu, is said to be not at all the bloodthirsty virago rumour credits her, but is, instead, a quiet lady, like woman and always ready to extend mercy where her daughters and followers decline to give it. The daughters are, however, said to be very unscrupulous in their ways and exceedingly ruthless though brave to a degree. The people of the region travelled by these viragos are panic stricken and fleeing to places of safety.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

The China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, and Messrs Deacon, Looker, and Deacon have been elected to membership of the Chamber of Commerce. Messrs Deacon and Hastings have resigned.

Owing to an interruption of one of the cables between Penang and Madras, there is at present some delay on telegrams exchanged with India and with Europe via Eastern. Restoration of normal communication is looked for about Friday or Saturday next.

Address at the City Hall.

At St. Andrew's Hall last night Bishop Ridley delivered an address dealing with the progress of the gospel among the Indian tribes in Canada. The chair was filled by the Bishop of Victoria, and Mr Dyer Ball acted as interpreter, and translated Bishop Ridley's address into Cantonese for the benefit of the Chinese Christians, who were present in large numbers. Singing and prayers opened and closed the proceedings, which were marked by the rapt attention displayed by the Chinese.

Fire in a Coal Matched.

Shortly before eleven this morning a fire broke out in a matched in West Point, in which coal was stacked. The brigade answered the call at once, but on their arrival the matched was almost consumed. The coal too, was commencing to catch alight, and a big blaze seemed probable. With the arrival of the fire float, however, plenty of sea water was available, and soon six or seven lines of hose were directed towards the burning matched. The matched was soon destroyed, and the volumes of smoke that slowly rolled upwards towards the sky denoted that the coal had caught alight. The matched was situated in the centre of a yard in Queen's Road West, and fortunately was open to attack on all sides by the firemen. From the front, rear, and both sides the water was poured on, and some of the more intrepid firemen directed the efforts of the coal stack, so as to direct their efforts directly on the burning spots. All round the stack the coal was a light, and the water for a time seemed to have no effect. As it soaked its way through, however, the smoke grew gradually less and less. After a long spell the fire was extinguished. The fire is supposed to have been caused by sparks from a neighbouring chimney, which settled on the matched. The brigade was under the control of Chief-Inspector Baker and Inspector Macdonald, while Capt. F. W. Lyons also was in attendance. The damage is so far unknown. The coal and matched are the property of the Gas Company.

AMOY NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Amoy 19.

KULANOSU MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The date is now fixed for the forthcoming Election, viz. Friday, the 29th January, on which day the Annual General Meeting of Ratepayers will be held at 5 p.m., in the Amoy Club Theatre, when not only will the Councilors for the ensuing year be elected, but provision will be made for the payment of Municipal Expenses, and any other necessary business transacted. To aid in the despatch of business, it is, however, enacted that any Ratepayer wishing to bring a Resolution before this Annual Meeting must give notice of it in writing to the Secretary of the Council on or before January 22nd, otherwise no Resolution will be in order.

HYDROPHOBIA AND CREMATION.

In consequence of a case of hydrophobia having occurred recently on the island, the Secretary of the Municipal Council, Colonel Donald Mackenzie, has very wisely issued a notice warning all owners of dogs to keep their dogs confined to their premises until further notice, since all ownerless dogs will be promptly destroyed. There can be no doubt that this is a step in the right direction as this terrible disease might easily spread if due precautions were not taken. At the same time, while it is comparatively easy to get foreigners to comply with such a rule, it is difficult to see how the Chinese will manage to obey, as their dogs are seldom confined to their houses or premises, or tied up. If, however, such restrictions lead to a considerable reduction in the number of stray dogs and 'wanks,' so much the better! The man who died from hydrophobia, unfortunately, was one of the Sikh policemen, No. 9, and he was cremated on Monday morning last, Jan. 18, on one of the beaches of the island, not far from the Commissioner's house. This is the first time, I believe, that a cremation has taken place on the island for a foreigner.

ANOTHER FIRE IN AMOY.

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 19, a small fire broke out in the Amoy Custom House and several rooms were burnt; luckily the fire was extinguished very quickly before much damage was done. It is fortunate that it occurred early in the evening and not during the night, as otherwise the whole Custom House might have been destroyed, and other adjacent houses as well. The cause of the outbreak does not seem to be known.

Manx.—Oh, you little brother, you can stand all alone. Aren't you glad? Willie (aged six).—Sure. Now I want him to hold an apple on his head while I shoot it off with my bow and arrow, and then...

TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL'S EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]
SUPPLIED BY REUTERS, LEO BODINAY.

OUTRAGE IN EAST AFRICA.

A PROSPECTING PARTY
ATTACKED.

Several Whites Murdered.
LONDON, January 26.

A prospecting expedition, equipped and despatched under the auspices of the East African Syndicate, to test the gold-bearing country in the vicinity of Lake Rudolf, East Africa, has been overwhelmed by a hostile force of Turkanas.

The expedition was camped in the vicinity of the Lake when the Turkanas attacked them. Several of the white members of the party were murdered.

[Lake Rudolf is a rather extensive lake in British East Africa. It lies to the North East of Lake Victoria Nyanza, and is fed principally by rivers flowing south from the mountains in Abyssinia.—Ed., C.M.]

DISASTROUS HURRICANE
IN FIJI.VAST DAMAGE TO SHIPPING
AND PROPERTY.

Many Lives Lost.

LONDON, January 25.

One of the hurricanes which periodically sweep over the South Seas doing enormous damage to property and shipping at the island, has spread disaster in Fiji, a group of islands in the South Pacific Ocean, about 1,100 miles North of New Zealand.

The main strength of the hurricane was felt at Levuka, a seaport on the Island of Ovalau, where the houses were torn down and shipping either driven ashore or sunk at its moorings.

Numbers of people were killed and drowned. The estimate of the loss in lives, shipping and property, is vast.

Suva, on the south coast of the Island of Viti Levu, and the seat of Government, was also injured by the storm, but the damage was small compared with that wrought on the neighbouring island.

A correct estimate of the amount of damage has not yet been made, but it will run into many thousands of pounds.

[The Fiji Islands form about the most picturesque group of islands to be found in that region of tropical beauty, the South Pacific. Lying about 1900 miles from Sydney and 1200 miles from Auckland, New Zealand, the islands are easy of access and consequently form one of the greatest attractions for tourists. The more important islands of the group—which comprise in all from 200 to 250 or more hilly and mountainous, rising more or less abruptly from the shore to a height of about 4000 or 4500 feet. The hills are of a grand and picturesque outline, and, being composed for the most part of old volcanic lavas, green tropical vegetation grows in profusion upon them. On the south-eastern or windward sides the islands are covered with dense forests, though the lower lands are more lightly timbered, and apparently have all been under cultivation at a not distant period when the native population was much larger. The northern and north-western, or leeward, sides of the islands are characterised by a comparative absence of forest lands; Fiji is rich in rivers and streams, and is equally as wealthy in beautiful harbours and roadsteads. Each island is surrounded by a barrier reef of coral, and, with few exceptions, is accessible through passages usually found opposite to the most considerable valley or river. The aboriginal population of Fiji belongs to the darker of the two Polynesian families, but living on the confines of the fairer race, its blood has received considerable admixture. In 1901 the census showed a population of 120,000. The climate is remarkably free from zymotic and endemic diseases. Dysentery is the only disease to which Europeans are peculiarly liable. Paludal fevers have never been met with. The highest shade temperature in Suva in 1900 was 83 degs. in February and the lowest 59.9 degs. in June. The total rainfall during the year was 89.87 inches. April to October are the driest seasons, and between December and April, in the hottest season, the products of the island are principally copra, sugar, cane, tobacco, cotton, yam, maize, beche-de-mer, and fruit—particularly bananas. The islands were discovered by Tasman in 1643, and on October 10, 1874, the sovereignty of the islands was ceded to Great Britain in 1874. Levuka, where the hurricane has been recent, has a population of about 500, and was at first selected as the European Capital, but during 1882 the seat of Government was transferred to Suva, where there is a population of 1075. Just as the typhoon turned up in the China Sea and the news of the disaster reached the islands, the South Sea and the Indian Oceans were devastated by the hurricane.—Ed., C.M.]

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

COREA NEUTRAL.

LONDON, January 23.
The Government of Corea has declared neutrality in the event of war between Russia and Japan. The British Minister approves.

CABINET COUNCIL.

A protracted Cabinet Council was held in London on Saturday.

TURKEY AND BULGARIA.

Reuter's Agency at Sofia wires news from the frontier that the Turks are rapidly concentrating numerous troops on the Bulgarian frontier.
The Turkish representative the last few days has refused to visit the prospects of Bulgarians going to Turkey.

THE WAR SCARE.

ANOTHER TRANSPORT.

THE 'ROSETTA MARU' CHARTERED.

Japan is still chartering transports, and the latest is the *Rosetta Maru* of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha. Only this morning the *Rosetta Maru* sailed for Moji under orders to the Japanese Government, and as a result the service to Manila will have to be continued with chartered steamers. This does not look as if Japan expected peace.

Will Corea Side with Russia?

To-day yielded nothing in the way of news from the north. Until Russia's reply is received by Japan, action—excepting for the work of completing preparations for possible war—will be suspended. When Russia will reply is a matter of doubt, and it is also uncertain whether she will agree to Japan's 'irreducible minimum' or not. In case she does not, Japan is still getting her army ready to the last button, and is chartering as many transports as possible to ship them to Corea. Although the British authorities opened the eyes of the world in regard to transportation during the South-African war it is probable that the Japanese will do a better stroke so far as speed and completeness is concerned in landing her troops in Corea. She certainly has not so far to go, but it will be found that she will get there with a celerity hardly credited her, when the time comes.

Corea's action in expressing her intention to remain neutral has given satisfaction to Japan and the other powers, but it remains to be seen whether Russia will be as pleased. For a long time now Russia has been endeavouring to win the Koreans to her side, and if all reports are true she has succeeded to a great extent. The Koreans have no love for the Japs, and that fact is particularly galled by the trouble they have been creating of late with Japanese residents. Only a day or so ago a Reuter telegram stated that the Koreans were up in arms all over the country, and that the Japs were their opponents. That is significant under the circumstances, and seems to indicate that the Koreans—unless they remain neutral—will side with Russia. If they do Japan will have a tougher nut to crack than she anticipated.

The Effect on Amoy.

Our Amoy correspondent writes that Amoy, in common with other places, is much excited as to the prospects of war between Russia and Japan, and trade is undoubtedly suffering considerably owing to the uncertainty created by the situation. 'We now hear,' he adds, 'that the steamers of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha are being taken off the berth for Europe and elsewhere, in consequence of the scarcity of cargo offering, and many passengers who had elected to travel homewards by this line are now thrown out. Our local Japanese lines to Foochow and Formosa will also be more and more affected by the crisis, but being smaller steamers may not be considered worth seizing. It is just possible, however, that in the event of war actually breaking out, these steamers may be transferred to some other flag, and so continue to run as before, unless, indeed, they should be needed as transports by Japan. Most people feel that the present tense and strained position of affairs cannot be maintained much longer, and, truly, any change, whether it be for war or peace, is much to be preferred.'

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The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the twentieth Ordinary General Meeting to be held at the Office of the General Managers, on Saturday, 6th Feb., at 11 o'clock a.m.—
Annexed we have the pleasure to lay before shareholders the annual statement of accounts made up to the 31st December, 1903.

This net profit, including the balance brought forward from last year, amounts to \$133,355.13 which it is proposed to appropriate as follows:—
To place to Reserve Fund.....\$ 15,000.00
To pay a Dividend of 20 per cent 100,000.00
To carry forward to the credit of next year's account.....8,355.13
Consolidated Cash Balance.....In accordance with the Articles of Association, Messrs A. J. Raymond, D. E. Brown and V. H. Lewis retire, but offer themselves for re-election. Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs T. Arnold and W. H. Potts, who are recommended for re-election.

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FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
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GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	GLACON	5th February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PARKING	12th February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	MOYER	19th February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	GLACON	26th February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PARKING	5th March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	MOYER	12th March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	GLACON	19th March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PARKING	26th March.

HOMEWARDS.

TO	STEAMERS	DATE
LONDON & ANTWERP	NESTOR	5th February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	KINCK	12th February.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	KEPMEN	19th February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	GLACON	26th February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	PARKING	5th March.
LONDON & ANTWERP	MOYER	12th March.
LONDON & ANTWERP	GLACON	19th March.
LONDON & ANTWERP	PARKING	26th March.

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GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PARKING	26th March.

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SHANGHAI	SPRING	27th January.
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VILLE BRISBANE, SYDNEY and	SPRING	27th January.
MELBORNE	SPRING	27th January.
SHANGHAI	SPRING	27th January.
MANILA	SPRING	27th January.
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SKYDITZ	WEDNESDAY, 2nd Mar.
ROON	WEDNESDAY, 16th Mar.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 30th Mar.
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FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
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TAMSUI, Via SWATOW AND AMOY.	DAIJI MARU	FRIDAY, 29th January, at 11 a.m.
FOOCHOW, Via SWATOW AND AMOY.	ANPING MARU	WEDNESDAY, 3rd February, at 10 a.m.
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